The teachers and their families get the medical assistance as per Government of India Rules. It is proposed to increase the frequency of visits by the Doctor in the Vidyalayas.

Allocations for education

†2575. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated for the Tenth Five Year Plan, as well as during the current financial year, for primary education, separately, after it was made compulsory for all the children;

(b) whether it is a fact that the proposed allocation is less than the requirements of Tenth Five Year Plan, as estimated by the working group on primary and adult education;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of additional funds sought by the Department and by when the same are likely to be made available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (d) An allocation of Rs. 28,750/- crores has been provided in the Tenth Five Year Plan, which is lower than the requirements projected by the Working Group on Elementary and Adult Education. The Department has sought additional funds.

National Information Technology Institute in Bihar

2576. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal/request from the Bihar Government, for setting up of a National Information Technology Institute (NITI) in the State;

(b) whether the Task Force set up by his Ministry has also recommended setting up of such an Institute in that State; and

(c) if so, the amount of Central assistance provided to the State Government in this regard?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (c) Yes Sir, the Chief Minister of Bihar had proposed for setting up of an Institute of Information Technology in Bihar. The Task Force on HRD in IT has recommended that all major States could be facilitated to promote an exclusive institute for IT with State and Central funding and industry collaboration. As and when the scheme for Central Assistance for such institutions is being finalised, the proposal of State of Bihar will get due consideration.

Losses due to Brain-Drain

2577. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to last year's survey, the number of people wanting to return to India after completing their higher studies in the United States, fell from 50 per cent in 1985 to 20 per cent in 2000;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the country is losing as much as $ 2 billion a year as a result of emigrations to US; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to control brain-drain and save the exchequer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) The Government is not aware of the survey under reference.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) and (d) Many of those students and scientists who go abroad for higher studies return with better knowledge. The period of stay of those who go abroad for jobs varies from a few weeks to a few years. Due to high mobility of students and scientists accurate estimation of cost of loss to the country as a result of emigration to US or any other country is not feasible. Several measures have been taken from time to time by the Government to minimise the outflow of professionals from various fields and also to attract them back to the country from abroad. Some of these measures are: